



## Dale Lavern Kulp

August 18, 1946 - March 19, 2013

Dale L. Kulp, age 66, of Rural Richland Center, died Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at the Richland Hospital in Richland Center. Dale was born August 18, 1946 the son of Ernest and Martha (Ramer) Kulp in Goshen, Indiana.

He attended elementary school at Union Center and high school at New Paris and Bethany High School. As a teenager he was baptized at Yellow Creek Wissler Mennonite Church, Wakarusa, Indiana. Because of his mechanical ability, at a young age he enjoyed taking apart and putting back together engines, appliances, etc. in his spare time. When Dale was in his early 20s, he spent 2 years in Topeka, Kansas for his 1W service. He attended Rosedale Bible institute several weeks in the winter of 1969.

On Sunday, August 23, 1969 Dale married his beautiful bride, Mary Ellen Mullet at Fairview Mennonite Church. They were married 43 happy years. The first two years of their marriage were spent in mission work at Red Lake, Ontario. Their oldest daughter was born in Canada. In the following years the Lord blessed them with 4 more daughters and 2 sons.

Dale was ordained to the office of minister at Buck Creek Mennonite Church, Richland Center, Wisconsin in 1991. The Lord also exercised Dale's leadership skills in using him for 14 years on the Maranatha Bible School Board.

Dale's goal in this life was not to be rich in this world's goods but to lay up treasures in heaven. Dale is remembered for his giving and unselfish heart, dry sense of humor, positive attitude, contagious laugh, love for his wife and family, vision for Maranatha Bible School, concern for reconciliation, and support of missions.

Survivors include his wife Mary Ellen Kulp of Richland Center, 7 children, Charlene (Marvin) King of Spain, Brenda (Delvin) Martin of Viola, Melissa (Laverne) Beachy of Mill Hall, Pennsylvania, Danette (Daryl) Kropf of Wickenburg, AZ, Karen Kulp of Abbeville, South Carolina, Jonathan (Annlyn) Kulp of Brooklyn, N.Y., Phillip (Lanita) Kulp of Hillsboro, WI, 27 grandchildren, his mother, Martha Kulp of New Paris, Indiana, 2 brothers, Stanley (Kathy) Kulp of Wakarusa, Indiana, David (Phyllis) Kulp of New Paris, Indiana, a sister, Rosemary (Ben Jr.) Shirk of Goshen, Indiana, many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father and an infant granddaughter Ariana Kulp.

Funeral Services will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the Richland Center High School Gym. Burial will be held in the English Ridge Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 22, 2013 at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home from 2- 4 PM & 6- 8 PM. Visitation will also be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM. Also visitation will be held on Sunday from 9:00 AM until the time of services at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Maranatha Bible School. On line condolences can be made at [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

# Comments

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“ Dale was the paster at the church I grew up in and was many things to my family; friend, encourager, and neighbor. Dale was the minister who preached the message at my brother's untimely funeral and he and MaryEllen were rocks in our stromy sea since then. Dale baptized me when I was a teen. I remember him telling stories when we would go to their house for a Sunday dinner or an evening meal.

Here are a few of the Lyrics to a Rich Mullins song I held dear after my brother's death.

{“Hold Me Jesus”

Well, sometimes my life just don't make sense at all

When the mountains look so big,

And my faith just seems so small

So hold me Jesus,

Cause I'm shaking like a leaf

You have been King of my glory

Won't You be my Prince of Peace}

My heart breaks for his family and I think of them often.

**Myranda - Richland Center, WI - Friend** - March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dale was many things to me and my family; paster, neighbor, friend, and encourager. His whole family is very precious to me and my heart breaks for their loss. Dale spoke the messege at my brother's untimley funeral as well and he and MaryEllen were extremly helpful in preparing for and surviving after Robert's death.

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**MyRanda\* - Richland Center, WI - Friend** - March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I have many fond memories of Dale going back over 60 years. growing up 2 miles from him in Indiana, being much closer to his brother Stan's age Dale was the little guy that tagged along behind and remembered everything stupid we did... Then after grade school our lives separated pretty much till they moved to WI. When their children and our children were young we got together occasionally as the children played and we sat swapping memories from bygone days. Especially remember the one mushroom hunt when we found a tiny fawn laying right beside the path.

To the family our sympathies and prayers go out to you. You have been richly blessed to have a husband and father like Dale.

We would have liked to come and see Dale before his passing and would have liked to be at the funeral but Health just does not allow those long days.

May the Lord richly bless you and comfort you and we will look forward to all meeting in glory

**Reuben Kulp - Stratford, WI** - March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts & prayers are with you during this time of grief.

**Ralph Estes - Brooksville, MS** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I have good memories of cooking with Dale and Mary Ellen at Marantha Bible School in 2004 , Mary Ellen and Family I am so sorry for your loss , but know that Heaven just gained another great man . My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time and in the coming days . Love and Prayers , Andrew and Vivian Miller

**Vivian (Sadlier) Miller - Baytree Alberta - Friend** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Only in eternity will we know how many lives he touched through his work with/at Marantha Bible School!

**Nathanael Sommers - Floyd, VA - MBS Student** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss and praying for you all. God's love will get you through this difficult time. I hope you feel the love of not only God, but of your family and friends and are encouraged by it. Blessings to you Mary Ellen, and may God richly bless you. Lora Wimer and family.

Lora Wimer - Sheldon, WI - family friend - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Praying for your family during this time.

Betsy Troyer - Fort St. John, BC. Canada - friend - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mary Ellen & family;  
We met recently again when Dale held revivals at Bethel, in Millbank. Extending our prayers and sympathy at his time:  
God Knew  
That He was suffering.  
That the hills were hard to climb  
So He gently closed his eyelids  
And whispered "Peace be thine."  
In tears you watched him sinking  
You watched him fade away  
Your hearts were surely broken  
He fought so hard to stay  
But when you saw him sleeping  
So peaceful, free from pain  
You could not wish him back  
To suffer that again.  
It breaks your hearts to lose him  
But he did not go alone  
For part of you went with him  
The day God called him home.  
And now, he waits over yonder  
Til you all meet around God's throne.

~Author Unknown

Christian & Violet Ropp - Brunner, Onatrio, Canada - Met at Rosedale Bible College - March 22, 2013 at 12:00

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“ Dear Loving Family of Mr. Kulp,

Sending warm sympathy in the passing of your dear loved one. May you find comfort in the special family memories you have and shown in the lovely array of pictures. It is never easy to lose a loved one and especially so soon in life. It looks like he provided a lovely house for all to enjoy.

Special love and greetings to Karen who I have not seen in a number of years.

Warmly,

Charleen

**Charleen Studnicka - Blue River, WI** - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mary Ellen and family. I'm so sorry for your loss. I know the days ahead will be very hard..... but eventually it will be less of a struggle to get through each day. May time accomplish what no words can do.

People Pass on, but their memory lives on in our hearts.... and I'm sure you have many wonderful memories of Dale

**Pam LeBlanc - Milford, IN - cousin** - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mary Ellen and family....We are so sorry for your loss and wish we could attend the funeral. Dale was a great warrior of God and the memories that you made will be forever in your hearts. May God grant you comfort knowing that His will is perfect and sovereign. Put your arms around yourself and pretend it's me giving you a hug. Wish I could do it in person. Love and prayers for all of you!

Cal & Shirl

**Shirl & Cal Bontrager - Dowagiac, MI - lifetime friends** - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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Dear Mary Ellen,

My heart goes out to you and your children.. Looking at your pictures brought back alot of memories, Am glad we got to no your family.. Just want you to no that you my thoughts are with you.. Would love to be there for the funeral... And stand with you in your sorrow..

May You feel the comforting arms of our Father in heaven, in the days and months to follow.. Hugs to you all!!!

**Rose (Yoder) Miller - Apple Creek, OH - friends from the past** - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM